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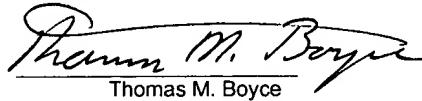
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

P. E. Rakoczy and I. J. Constable

Serial No.: 09/065,082

Filed: July 16, 1998

For: HYALURONIC ACID AS DNA CARRIER
FOR GENE THERAPY AND VEGF
ANTISENSE DNA TO TREAT
ABNORMAL RETINAL
VASCULARIZATION

Group Art Unit: 1635

Examiner: S. McGarry

Atty. Dkt. No.: HACK:009US/SLH

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO
OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 13, 2000**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Commissioner:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of three months to and including June 13, 2001 in which to respond to the Office Action dated December 13, 2000.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$890.00 is enclosed, which is the process fee (\$890.00) for a three-month extension of time.

If the check is inadvertently omitted, or should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an

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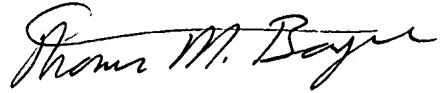
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overpayment be included herein, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/10025109.

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